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On January 27, 2004, based on a report from the Department of Children and Family Services and the Probation Department, the Board of Supervisors supported the creation of an Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to improve the educational outcomes for foster and probation youth. Since that time, the Chief Administrative Office has identified sources of County funding to provide initial support to the ECC. County Departments, with the input and assistance of the Children's Planning Council and affected stakeholders, also have initiated preliminary steps necessary to develop and support the ECC.

In July 2004, the Children's Planning Council Foundation engaged the services of a consultant to assist with the creation and development of the ECC. The consultant conducted a series of interviews and meetings with representatives of stakeholder groups to gather information and feedback about what the key activities of the ECC should be to raise the educational achievement of foster and probation youth, how the ECC should be structured and how it should accomplish its work.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors authorize the creation

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of the Education Coordinating Council.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct that:

1. The consultant invite the following entities and groups to join the initial membership of the ECC:

- Los Angeles, Lancaster, Pasadena, Pomona, Compton and Long Beach Unified School Districts
- Los Angeles County Office of Education
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Probation Department
- Juvenile Court
- Children's Planning Council
- Commission for Children and Families
- Los Angeles City Commission on Children, Youth and their Families
- Children's Law Center
- Public Defender
- First 5 LA Commission
- Non-public schools
- Former Foster Youth
- Relative Caregivers
- Foster Parents

2. The ECC hold an organizational meeting no later than November 2004 in order to discuss preliminary issues such as mission, operational structure, work activities and funding.

3. The ECC convene its first official meeting in January 2005.

4. During its first year, the ECC develop a blueprint for improving educational outcomes for foster and probation youth, evaluate its initial structure to determine whether it is adequate or requires modification, and determine future funding needs and sources and report back to this Board in December 2005.

